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MISSION HAS LEARNED FROM FRG DEFENSE ADVISOR (B/GEN SCHUNEMANN) THAT THE FRG IS READY TO PROVIDE AN ANALYST TO THE SHAPE TECHNICAL CENTER IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE AIRBASE DEFENSE STUDY DURING 1975. MISSION HAS FORWARDED THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP AD-70 QUOTE

YOU WILL RECALL THAT IN DECEMBER 1973, MINISTERS APPROVED THE BASIC ISSUES OF DEFENSE PLANNING REPORT. THAT REPORT CALLED FOR A STUDY ON THE DESIRABILITY AND COST EFFECTIVENESS OF USING INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS TO PROVIDE SHELTERS FOR ALL ASSIGNED/EARMARKED TACTICAL COMBAT AIRCRAFT AND FOR NATIONAL AUGMENTATION FORCES PLANNED FOR DEPLOYMENT TO ACE THROUGH M PLUS 30.

IN THE PROCESS OF REVIEWING RELATED NATIONAL STUDY EFFORTS, THE EWG FOUND THE SHAPE TECHNICAL CENTER STUDY (STC/OTS/7311) ON ACE AIR BASE DEFENSE FOR 1975-1985 TO BE SUITABLE VEHICLE CONFIDENTIAL

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TO EXAMINE THE PROPER MIX OF PROTECTIVE MEASURES FOR AIRFIELDS. UNFORTUNATELY, IN THE SPRING OF 1974, SHAPE DELAYED FURTHER WORK ON THAT STUDY BECAUSE OF OTHER HIGH PRIORITY WORK.

IN ORDER TO REACTIVATE THE AIR BASE DEFENSE STUDY, THE UNITED STATES IS WILLING TO PROVIDE AN ANALYST ON LOAN TO THE SHAPE TECHNICAL CENTER. WE WOULD WELCOME PARTICIPATION FROM OTHER ALLIES SO THAT THE STUDY CALLED FOR BY THE MINISTERS CAN BE COMPLETED WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.

I AM SENDING COPIES OF THIS LETTER TO OUR COLLEAGUES ON THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP.

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